

February, 1898. LIZZIE THOMPSON SMITH, the
dearly beloved wife of James Ferrier, China
Merchants' S. N. Co.

Philatelists the world over, and, indeed, all people who use stamps, cannot help being interested in an ingenious swindle which has recently been discovered as having been perpetrated on the Government of Belgium. This consisted in pasting a piece of transparent paper over the postage stamp after it had been fixed to the letter, so that when the despatching machine was used it was not the stamp which was destroyed for the ink was received by the transparent paper. After the letter was delivered, all that was necessary was to take off the transparent paper and the stamp was ready to be used again. Obviously this process could have been carried on indefinitely, and there is no doubt was by the people who were in the know, so that a single stamp may have franked a large number of letters. Unhappily for them, the post office authorities accidentally tumbled to the trick, and now these ingenious people will have to find some other method of hoodwinking the Post Office. This is a good hint for the Hongkong Post Office to be on the *cut edge*.

LONDON *Phnx* of the first week in February has a number of pictures of "Animal Land." A curious one is of "The Mallypplst," which has the following legend beneath it:—"This queer little animal lives on the sea so there is not room for two of them in Germany." It crawls about trying to get to China to fetch some laurels and to plant shikhs and cathedra and things. If you have such a thing as a bit of coal about you it will be very much obliged. It will get home *tomorrow* day 1 o'clock."

MAJOR General Tweedie, writing to *Indian Engineering*, says—"I see it stated in your Journal that the Indian Ordnance Department has, amongst other good works, invented and introduced the Dum Dum bullet. This is not the case. The Indian Ordnance Department neither originated the principle involving expansion on impact in compound bullets, nor did it invent the bullet in question. The so-called Dum Dum bullet is simply a copy of sporting bullets that have been in use for years, and Captain Berlie Clay, who was at first stated to be the *father* of India to be the inventor, has himself subsequently stated in that paper that he is not the inventor, but that it was copied from a sporting bullet. I claim to have been the first (and as far back as 1886) to have pointed out the necessity for an expansion on impact to be given to the small bore compound bullets to give them the necessary stopping power, which the rigid, clean penetrating bullets had not. I based this opinion on experience gained on service and in large game shooting. I have pointed this out continuously now for six years in face of strong military opinion, which was in favour of a clean penetration and their statement that the '303 bullet was all that could be desired. Sportsmen quickly realised the necessity for expansion on impact and have used these bullets more and more, as experience has proved the correctness of what was pointed out to them. I may mention that I took out the first patent covering expansion on impact in small bore compound bullets in the year 1889. The failure of the bullet in Calcutta was only what I had predicted years before and I think little credit should be conceded to those who so hardly realised what had for some years been patent and would be the end."

As there is now a movement on foot for the establishment of a Free Library for the Chinese, don't you think it would be advisable for these well meaning and philanthropic gentlemen to give this Library movement their support?

The Chinese are sorely in need of enlightenment and I think that a Free Library on the lines suggested in your valuable comment is just what the Chinese community requires.

I sincerely hope these wealthy Chinese gentlemen will support this movement, thereby founding an institution for which the Chinese will be forever grateful.

Yours truly,
A WELL WISHER.
Hongkong, March, 1895.

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
WAKASA MARU.....	YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI.....	SATURDAY, 12th March, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	THURSDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transshipping Cargo for Java Ports), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	FRIDAY, 18th March, at 4 P.M.
IDZUMI MARU.....	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE (Transshipping Cargo for Java Ports), and COLOMBO.....	TUESDAY, 22nd March, at Noon.
KANAGAWA MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, at 4 P.M.
*RIJUN MARU.....	SEATTLE, WASH., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	THURSDAY, 24th March, at 4 P.M.
A. E. MOSES.....	YOKOHAMA and MELBOURNE, via SYDNEY and TOWNSVILLE.....	FRIDAY, 1st April, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU.....	Z. W. Haswell.....	

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898.

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P. BOHLE,
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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1898.

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AT

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1898.

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On the premises.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1898.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"TAIYUAN,"
Captain N. 100, will be dispatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March 1898. [328]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spruce, will be dispatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [326]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)
THE Steamship
"AIRLIE,"
Captain E. H. will be dispatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1898. [271]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship
"DEUCALION,"
Captain Branch, will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [327]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Kray, will be dispatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th March.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1898. [319]

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"CHAZEE,"
Captain Bailey will be dispatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th March.
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THE Steamship
"COROMANDEL,"
Captain F. N. Tildall carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this office for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 5th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1898. [6]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.
IN CONNECTION WITH
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Olympia | 1,691 | T. H. Dobson | Mar. 5.
Columbia | 2,605 | A. Gow | Mar. 29.
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Vlad. | 3,167 | J. Truebridge | May 17.

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Brasmar | 3,601 | E. Porter | Mar. 15.
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For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [4]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

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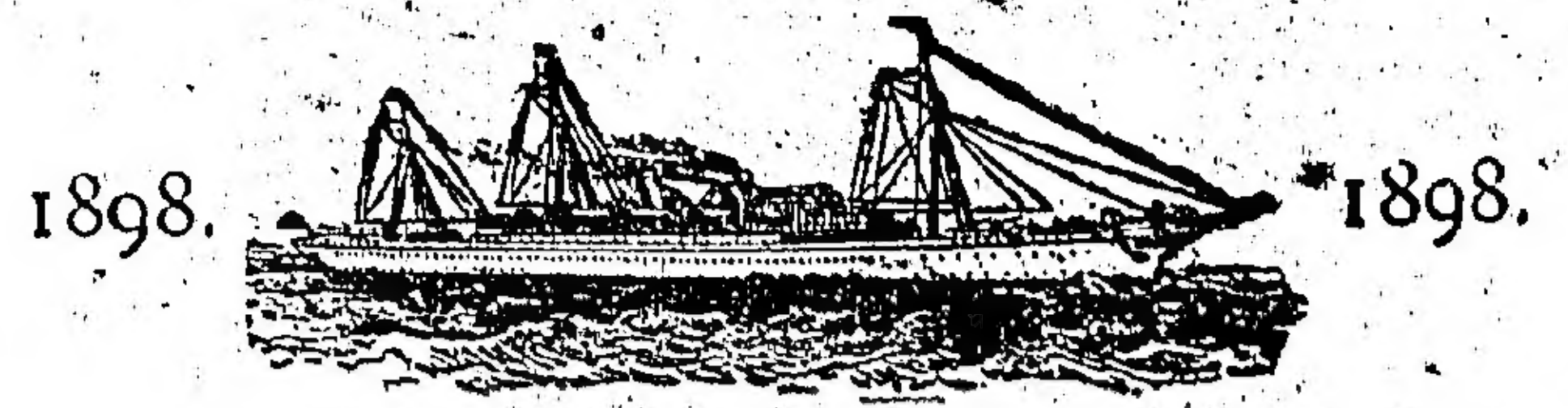
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EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybr., R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. F. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1898.

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898.

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VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND
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Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 22nd March, at Noon, taking Steamer, and Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States.

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Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries